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Amendments To The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice.

1-42. (Canceled)

43. (New) A method of cleaning and protecting polyalkylene terephthalate containers, the method comprising the step of contacting said polyalkylene terephthalate containers with an alkaline composition comprising, the alkaline composition formed by diluting a concentrate, the concentrate comprising

about 1% to about 20% of at least one C₁₂ to C₂₀ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate and mixtures thereof;

about 1% to about 20% of a nonionic defoamer; and

about 1% to about 40% of at least one sequestrant selected from the group consisting of phosphonates, gluconates, phosphates and mixtures thereof.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said alkaline composition comprises at least one C₁₂ to C₁₆ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate.

45. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said alkaline composition comprises a C₁₂ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate.

46. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said alkaline composition comprises a C₁₆ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate.

47. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said alkaline composition comprises at least one first sequestrant which is a phosphonate sequestrant and at least one second sequestrant which is a phosphate sequestrant, a phosphonate sequestrant, a gluconate sequestrant or mixture thereof.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said alkaline composition comprises at least one first sequestrant which is a phosphonate sequestrant and at least one second sequestrant which is a gluconate sequestrant.

49. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said C₁₂ to C₂₀ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate and mixtures thereof is present in said alkaline composition at a concentration of about 0.002 wt-% to about 2 wt-% after diluting said concentrate.

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50. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said nonionic defoamer is a block copolymer of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide.

51. (New) A method of cleaning and protecting polyalkylene terephthalate containers, the method comprising the step of contacting said polyalkylene terephthalate containers with an alkaline composition comprising at least one C₁₆ to C₂₀ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate and mixtures thereof.

52. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein said alkaline composition comprises at least one C₁₆ alkyl diphenylene oxide disulfonate.

53. (New) A method of cleaning and protecting polyalkylene terephthalate containers, the method comprising the step of contacting said polyalkylene terephthalate containers with an alkaline composition, the alkaline composition formed by diluting a concentrate comprising from about 1% to about 20% of an anionic surfactant selected from linear alkyl polyether sulfonates, linear alkyl polyether phosphates and mixtures thereof.

54. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein said concentrate further comprises at least one sequestrant which is a phosphonate, a gluconate, a phosphate or mixture thereof.

55. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein said concentrate further comprises at least one nonionic defoamer.

56. (New) A method of cleaning and protecting polyalkylene terephthalate containers, the method comprising the step of contacting said polyalkylene terephthalate containers with an alkaline composition comprising at least one alkamide.

57. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein said alkamide is a coconut diethanolamide.